

AGENDA ITEM 6: Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) report and appointments

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Requested Action: **Receive DPAC report and consider appointment of a DPAC member**

Background on DPAC report: The Delta Protection Advisory Committee has met on two occasions since the last Commission meeting: December 16 and January 6. Both meetings focused on receiving comments on the working draft of the Commission’s strategic plan. These comments were subsequently conveyed to the Commission’s strategic planning subcommittee at its meeting on January 8. DPAC Chair Mark Pruner will report on these meetings.

Background on DPAC appointment: Public Resources Code section 29753(a) requires DPC to appoint at least one advisory committee to provide recommendations regarding the diverse interests in the Delta. The statute further states that “the advisory committee shall include representatives of state agencies and other stakeholders with interests in the Delta’s ecosystem, water supply, and socioeconomic sustainability, including, but not limited to, its recreational, agricultural, flood control, environmental, and water resources, and state, local and utility infrastructure. The Commission shall encourage participation of various federal agencies, including the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and others as appropriate.”

At its March and May 2014 meetings, the Commission approved a revised charter for the DPAC and appointed 14 of 15 members to the Committee. Since that time, there has been one vacancy for a Delta utility/related infrastructure representative.

Mark Krausse is a Senior Director for Pacific Gas and Electric Company and a north Delta resident who has applied for membership on the DPAC. His application is attached. DPAC members will serve for three year terms and can be re-appointed.

DPAC members appointed in 2014: Gilbert Labrie and Bill Wells (Delta business); David Strecker and Al Medvitz (Delta agriculture); Jack Michael and Jeff Hart (Delta recreation); Melinda Terry (Delta flood entity); Mark Pruner (Delta organization); Barbara Daly (Delta general public); Jim Starr and Ramona Fernandez (State agency); Aaron Will and Ryan Luster (Delta conservation/habitat entity); Byron Buck (Delta water exporter)